



EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9
Series of 2020

AN ORDER DECLARING THE ENTIRE PROVINCE OF DAVAO ORIENTAL UNDER COMMUNITY QUARANTINE AND ADOPTING THE REGION ELEVEN UNIFIED COMMUNITY QUARANTINE GUIDELINES FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, President Duterte issued Presidential Proclamation 922 to put the country in a state of Public Health Emergency in relation to national security;

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 IATF issued Resolution 11 allowing LGUs to declare a community quarantine under specific parameters;

WHEREAS, the CODE RED ALERT SUB LEVEL 2, the highest alert status in a public health emergency, has been raised by the Department of Health;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health, through its Regional Director, has confirmed an increasing trend in the Persons Under Investigation (PUI) of Corona Virus Disease-19 (COVID 19) of more than 53, with confirmed cases of 187 in the entire country as of March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, there is a similar trend in Davao Oriental in the increase of Persons Under Investigation (PUI) with highly-suspicious signs and symptoms numbering to 8 and Persons Under monitoring (PUM) numbering to 273 as reported by the Inter-Agency Task Force of the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental on COVID as of March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the first confirmed case in Davao Region being near to our province, it is in the best interest of public health and safety, and the general welfare to immediately declare and implement heightened measures, actions and responses to prevent the entry and spread of the COVID-19 in the province;

WHEREAS, there are limited testing kits and results take too long to become available;

WHEREAS, there is a need immediately to be aggressive and proactive on the impending spread of COVID-19 in the province of Davao Oriental;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the entire Province of Davao Oriental under Community Quarantine and order to adopt and implement the Region Eleven Unified Community Quarantine guidelines for covid-19.

SECTION 1 - COMMUNITY QUARANTINE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS in DAVAO ORIENTAL:

1. People should stay in their homes and may only come out to work, buy food or medicines, go to the hospital or take out garbage. All activities purposely for pleasure and leisure such as but not limited to going to bars, engaging in social



gatherings are strictly prohibited. We enjoin the people of Davao Oriental to, while at their residence, engage in productive activities and to fully devote this time for family members. Everyone is also enjoined to maintain the cleanliness of their homes and to follow disinfection protocols.

2. Mass gatherings and public events are hereby canceled and/or prohibited, as earlier specified in the PLGU's COVID-19 Guidelines No.1 and 4, s.2020, including events organized by private sectors until the lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency.
3. Classes and academic activities in all levels across the province are now suspended. Teachers should not report to their respective stations and only work at home as specified in the memorandum released by the Department of Education Regional Office XI.
4. All religious activities that require the gathering of people are hereby suspended. People are encouraged, instead, to watch online masses or worship services. Everyone is also encouraged to pray together as one family in the comforts of their homes and to avoid going to religious places that will require mass gathering.
5. Everyone must follow the ordinance enacted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan on the imposition of curfew from 9:00 o'clock in the evening to 5 o'clock in the morning with some exemptions, which shall take effect on March 19, 2020 throughout the province;
6. Government transactions and services of the Provincial Government of Davao Oriental will continue. However, as embodied in PLGU Guidelines No. 1, s. 2020, mobile transactions are highly encouraged. The Heads of offices are directed to set-up hotlines to cater to mobile transactions for as long as these transactions are in accordance with the rules and regulations;
7. Private companies based in Davao Oriental must prepare and implement flexible work-plan for their employees, as laid out in the Labor Advisory No. 09 Series of 2020 issued by the Department of Labor and Employment.
8. All government and private offices/workplace must implement COVID-19 preventive measures like scheduled temperature checks, regular handwashing breaks and implement social distancing among employees.
9. LGUs must create an economic impact plan for all sectors hinged on the premise of mitigating the impact of COVID-19 in the population and in keeping with the economic development cluster's measure on the provision of economic relief to those whose businesses and livelihood have been affected by the spread of this disease.
10. All residents are required to exercise caution in buying goods and necessities, observing social distancing and queuing system. It is also required for stores to install measures i.e. cordon, physical barriers to line up people including those in



supermarkets and wet markets. It is recommended that each household will assign only one person to buy goods for their consumption. Procuring goods and services online from local suppliers is also recommended. Hoarding of masks and disinfecting agents, engaging in panic buying, and sharing of false information are strictly prohibited.

11. All are encouraged to do their bank transactions and meetings online to minimize direct contact with and/or exposure to other individuals. If online options are not feasible, installation of physical barriers and preventive measures must be observed.
12. Public Transportation is allowed but it is mandated that social distancing and other precautionary measures set by the Department of Health and the Department of Transportation are strictly observed for all public transportation. However, the PNP/AFP personnel are authorized to refuse entry of persons and vehicles into the province if found that the purpose of their visit is non-essential and for leisure purposes only.
 - The public is encouraged to practice preventive measures including the use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including masks, sanitizers, and alcohol when traveling.
 - Cargo deliveries will be allowed within the province following proper screening protocols at entry points.
13. Land, sea and air travel outside Region XI is hereby suspended for 14 days. All entry points to Region XI, particularly at Boston, Davao Oriental, will be closed at 00:01H Thursday, 19 March 2020. Exit is allowed but entry at this point from the pre-set time is no longer allowed until the end or lifting of the above-mentioned suspension.
14. PLGU Davao Oriental shall be strictly implementing a no manifest form, no entry policy. All drivers are directed to produce a manifest form for all passengers. A manifest form is provided for this purpose.
15. All tourism eco-parks across the province, both privately and publicly-owned and operated, all tourism related establishments such as hotels, inns, pension houses, homestay and other mabuhay accommodation facilities will be temporarily closed for operations until the public health emergency is lifted.
16. The operations of all entertainment establishments such as but not limited to amusement parks, billiard halls, KTVs, bars, massage and wellness spas, night clubs and internet cafés are suspended. However, establishments offering food products and other basic supplies such as restaurants, groceries, retail stores are encouraged to remain open but must strictly observe extra precautionary measures.



17. Restaurants, eateries, and food and beverages establishments located in this province are encouraged to offer delivery and takeout instead of dine in.
18. Frontline offices involved in the COVID-19 Crisis Management and Response Team are mandated to maintain round-the-clock operation, provided that precautionary measures are followed and observed to avoid compromising the health of the team members until the lifting of the State of Public Health Emergency;
19. All BHERTS shall be operational and shall install active monitoring and surveillance activities. The BHERTS shall report to the MESU/CESU. The MESU/CESU, in turn, shall report to the PESU. In this manner, there will be a synchronized reporting for all and by using only one data repository, there is uniformity of data;
20. Checkpoints at all entry points of the province shall be installed and shall be manned by the combined inter-agency team of the Provincial and Municipal Health Offices, Philippine National Police, the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine Coast Guard and BPATS;
21. The Department of Trade and Industry shall implement price freeze based on Suggested Retail Price of basic goods and necessities pursuant to Price Act or Republic Act No. 7581. Prices on meat, fish, and vegetables shall be frozen in their prevailing price as determined by the Inter-Agency Price Monitoring Team for COVID-19.

SECTION 2. PENALTY CLAUSE. Any violations thereof shall be dealt with under our existing laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

SECTION 3. REPEALING CLAUSE. Any Executive Issuances inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Mati, Davao Oriental, Philippines, this 18th day of March, in the year of our Lord, Twenty Hundred and Twenty.


NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG
Governor